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In re Application of:
Marshall D. Snavely : DECISION ON PETITION TO
Serial No.: 09/507,166 : WITHDRAW THE HOLDING
Filed: February 18, 2000 : OF ABANDONMENT
Attorney Docket No.: A-496A :

This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) filed on March 7, 2005, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the timely filing of a response to the Office action mailed June 16, 2004.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on June 16, 2004, setting a three-month statutory time period for reply. On January 13, 2005, the examiner mailed a notice of abandonment for failure to respond to the outstanding Office action.

Applicant states that a timely response to the Office action was filed on November 23, 2004, as evidenced by the post card identifying the papers filed and showing a USPTO date-stamped receipt of November 23, 2004 and showing an express mail date of November 23, 2004.

In view of this evidence, applicant is considered to have submitted a timely reply.

Applicant's petition is **GRANTED**.

Should there be any questions about this decision, please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile at 703-872-9306.

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